

May 8, 2013

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING

Present: Timothy Morgan, Chairman  
Roberta Lobur  
Richard Hegmann  
C. Douglas Whelan

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on this date at 7:00 P.M. to hear the application of:

Jason Baumgart for a Special Use Permit under Chapter 165-8 D (2) of the Code of the Village of Akron to use the premises commonly known as 18 Front Street as a Christmas Tree Farm.

Chairman Morgan called Jason Baumgart to the table.

The Secretary read the proof of publication and requested the proof of required signatures and notifications of the neighbors within 200 feet of 18 Front Street.

Chairman Morgan asked Mr. Baumgart to explain the project to the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Baumgart explained to the Board about his plan for a proposed Christmas Tree Farm on the property located at 18 Front Street. A 10 acre parcel located behind their property would support the new enterprise. This property used to house the bowling pin factory that burned down many years ago. The property is accessed by a gravel driveway off of Front Street. Mr. Baumgart stated that he would plant the trees on the 4 acres at the rear of the property and utilize an existing garage for cashier and snack shop. A small parking lot would be located near the garage. He stated that the front 6 acres of the parcel would be left as is allowing a buffer for the neighbors lining that parcel. The estimated growing time for the trees would be about eight years. Discussion was held regarding the drainage along

the driveway and the safety of the mine entrances located along the ravine on the property from the old abandoned cement mine. Board Member Hegmann suggested that Mr. Baumgart check with the Public Works Department to see if the driveway is draining storm water properly. There were no neighbors in attendance to make any comments. After hearing no further questions regarding the proposed Special Use Permit, Chairman Morgan asked for a motion.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Roberta Lobur and seconded by C. Douglas Whelan to approve the Application of Jason Baumgart for a Special Use Permit to allow a Christmas Tree Farm on 18 Front Street with a renewal required in (8) eight years with the following stipulations: that the driveway drainage is approved by the Department of Public Works and the Negative Declaration be prepared and signed by the Village of Akron Planning Board Chairman.

Adopted:	Timothy Morgan	- Aye
	Roberta Lobur	- Aye
	Richard Hegmann	- Aye
	C. Douglas Whelan	- Aye

On motion of C. Douglas Whelan and seconded by Roberta Lobur at 8:02 P.M. this meeting was ADJOURNED.